

REMARKS

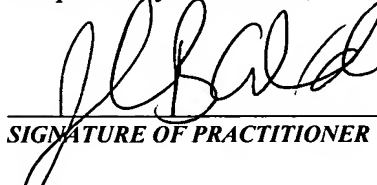
The specification has been amended to incorporate the cross reference to related applications. No new matter has been introduced by the instant amendments.

In order to comply with the multiple dependent claim format rules of 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) and in the interest of reducing initial additional claim filing fees, claim 12 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced into the application by the instant amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled or amended claims in this or subsequent application(s).

Early consideration of the application and claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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